

RESOLUTION NO. 114 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DEVISE AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN OR PLANS WHICH MAY INCLUDE CONTRACTS WITH PROFESSIONALS TO COLLECT CERTAIN OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES DUE THE CITY, PARTICULARLY THOSE DUE FOR PROPERTY STANDARDS VIOLATIONS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Monty Walford

WHEREAS, Section 10.01 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport requires the Department of Finance, headed by a Director of Finance, to "collect all funds due the City and each department thereof...properly account for all funds of the City, have charge of all financial affairs of the City and its departments, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance."; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.07 of the Charter names the Chief Administrative Officer as the immediate supervisor of the Director of Finance, and Section 10.02 of the Charter requires the Director of Finance to seek the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer in the administration of the financial affairs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has millions of dollars of revenue that has not been collected, including \$1,586,066.75 that the City is owed for addressing and correcting violations of the Property Standards Ordinances on adjudicated properties, and \$943,998.85 for addressing and correcting said violations on non-adjudicated properties, and said amounts are owed for the last three years; and

WHEREAS, because of the large amount of uncollected City revenue the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance are required to take the necessary actions to collect said revenue; and

WHEREAS, because the Finance Department may not have the number of employees needed and/or employees with the training and experience necessary to aggressively collect said revenue, the City of Shreveport should seek appropriate professionals to collect revenue owed the City, including revenue owed for property standards violations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance are directed to devise and to implement a plan, which for the reasons stated above, should probably include a contract or contracts with a lawyer, a collection agency and/or with other professionals, to collect outstanding revenue due the City, including revenue due for property standards violations, and a proposed budget amendment to allocate funds to finance the plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer and/or the Director of Finance shall provide the City Council with a report concerning the status of said plan and the implementation of said plan at each regular Council Meeting under Property Standard Reports in Section 5 on the agenda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office

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